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DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNSHIPS ON RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether project reports for development of townships on different rivers in Maharashtra have been submitted to the Union Government for approval under National River Action Plan during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details and cost of the different projects;

(c) time since when the project reports are pending;

(d) the reasons for delay and the stage at which they are pending;

(e) the time by which the same is likely to be cleared for implementation; and

(f) the cost escalation incurred thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) No project report for development of townships on different rivers in Maharashtra has been received in this Ministry. However, the Government of Maharashtra has submitted river pollution abatement project reports for Kolhapur town along river Panchganga (costing Rs. 49.74 crore) in the year 2002, and in the year 2004 for Wai town along river Krishna (costing Rs. 53.83 crore), Pandharpur town along river Bhima (costing Rs. 26.61 crore), Prakasha town along river Tapi (costing Rs. 4.62 crore), Paithan town along river Godavari (costing Rs. 12.80 crore) and Nawapur town along river Rangawali (costing Rs. 4.55 crore) for consideration under the National River Conservation Plan during the Tenth Five Year Plan. These projects could not be considered for approval due to constraint of funds during the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, it was suggested that the State Government may undertake these projects out of the State Plan provisions by seeking necessary funds from the Planning Commission including exploring the possibility of initiating the projects with public-private partnership.

(e) to (f) Do not arise.